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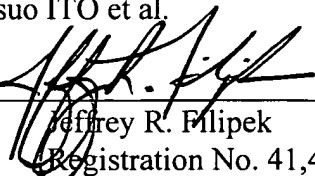
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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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 - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 2-3,
 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- U.S. Patent No. 6,473,378 corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-160233
- U.S. Patent No. 5,202,875 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. 2502884
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0105878 corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2002-133694
5. ☒ An International Search Report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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